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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. A copy of the non-U.S. patent and a copy of the Japanese Office Action citing the reference are attached.

U.S. 6,482,524 is an English language counterpart of JP-2001-503100, and is cited in lieu of a translation.

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